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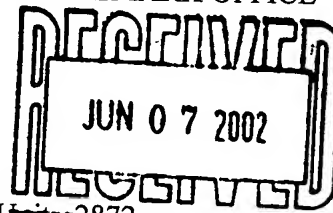
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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.99, Applicant through his undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The four Japanese patents submitted herewith are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies are attached.

### RELEVANCE OF THE DOCUMENTS

Documents AA-AD are submitted herewith. These documents are being submitted herewith as prior art. These patents were fully discussed in the specification on pages 1-2, under the Section entitled "BACKGROUND ART." Since these patents are fully discussed in the specification, no translations are being provided herewith, as no translations are readily available to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c). See MPEP 609.

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Applicant does not waive any rights to appropriate action to establish patentability over the listed documents should they be applied as references against the claims of the present application.

### CONCLUSION

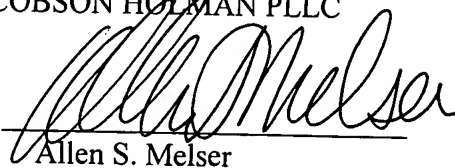
The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the space adjacent to each of these document entries as provided on Form PTO-1449, and to return a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 to confirm that these documents have been considered and have been officially made of record in this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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